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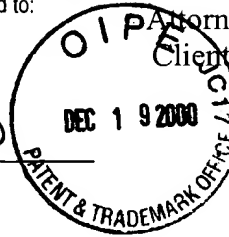
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Delovitch, Terry L.

Application No.: 09/341,407

Filed: October 12, 1999

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS  
FOR PREVENTING AUTOIMMUNE  
DISEASE

Examiner: J. Roark

Art Unit: 1644

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, mailed October 10, 2000, please enter and consider the following. A Petition to extend the time for response for one month, from November 10, 2000, until December 11, 2000, accompanies this response.

REMARKS

A. Elections

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has requested that the Applicant elect one group under 37 C.F.R. §1.499 as follows:

I. Claims 1-6 and 8-9, drawn to method of preventing the development of an autoimmune disease with an anti-CD28 antibody, classified in Class 424, subclasses 137.1 and 810.